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7 November 1978

Mr. Mike Glennon
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mike:

Enclosed are the sanitized verbatim records of the briefings you received on 13 October 1978. These records still have a Secret classification and should be handled and stored accordingly. The unmodified versions of the transcripts will be kept at Agency Headquarters.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Assistant Legislative Counsel

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Briefing

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Representative William V. Alexander
(D., Ark.) on China

25X1 1. [] On Tuesday, 7 November 1978, []
25X1 NFAC/OER, and [] NFAC/ORPA, briefed Representative William V. Alexander on trade and political aspects of the People's Republic of China. Mr. Alexander had requested the briefing which was held in his office. I was the only other person present.

25X1 2. [] The briefing began at 9:00 a.m. with Mr. Alexander stating that he intended to use this Congressional trip to attempt to find out who the key decision-makers are in the Chinese government regarding trade. He said he was specifically interested in who could authorize a trade mission to visit his home state (Arkansas) and who could actually sign a trade contract. He also indicated that he is Chairman of the House Task Force on Foreign Trade which is a group with representation from five standing committees, Appropriations, International Relations, Agriculture, Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

25X1 3. [] briefed on China's ten-year plan and their current and likely future need to trade for grain foods, livestock and food technology. Mr. Alexander asked about the political stability of the present regime and [] briefed in response.

25X1 4. [] Mr. Alexander provided a list of Chinese officials
25X1 he said he expected to meet. [] said we would see if we could add any other names that might be pertinent. We also promised [] Despite this, we did not really satisfy Mr. Alexander's desire to identify the people who could give him decisions on trade matters.

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Mr. Alexander said he had talked to the Foreign Agriculture Service at the Department of Agriculture and they could not identify these people either. Both [REDACTED] explained that the problem is in part the newness of China in trading with us, and in part their tendency to avoid making decisions in the open. Mr. Alexander seemed reasonably satisfied with the session which lasted about 50 minutes.

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